

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventors:Wang, *et al.*
Applicant:Microsoft Corporation
Group Art Unit:2157
Examiner:Barot Bharat
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 12, 2005
AMENDMENT

To: MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.